

“The Problem of Human Suffering”

How good a loving, merciful God allow this?

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am

Scripture Reading: John 9: 1-3

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INTRO:

- A. Suffering is sometimes referred to as the achilles heel of the believer and the atheists check-mate.
- B. How can a **I**_____, merciful, and all powerful God allow all the horrific pain and suffering that we see all around us?

I. TWO TYPES OF SUFFERING THAT SHOULD NOT TROUBLE US.

- A. Suffering which results from our deliberate sin!
 - 1. If you jump off a bridge don't get too upset when you hit bottom.
 - 2. “The way of **t**_____ is hard” (Prov 13:15).
- B. Suffering which results from a failure to heed clear warnings (2 Peter 2:5).

II. THE BIBLE OF JESUS' DAD HAD A FALSE CONCEPT OF WHY PEOPLE HAD BIRTH DEFECTS.

- A. “Master, who **s**_____, this man or his parents” (John 9: 1-2).
- B. Jesus said neither! “But that the works of God should be made manifest in him” (Jn 9:3).

III. KEEP IN MIND THE FOLLOWING ABOUT PAIN & SUFFERING

- A. Pain is often **n**_____ for our survival (Ps 139: 14).
- B. Much suffering is the result of our own ignorance (Rev 14:13).
- C. There is much **v**_____ and strength found in suffering (I Peter 5: 6-7, I Peter 1:6-7, 2 Cor 4:16-17, 12: 7-9).

CONCLUSION:

- A. We all are called to be instruments of God (Eph 2:10).
- B. How are you using your trials and suffering so that “the works of God may be made manifest” in you? (John 9:3).
- C. To the believer we have the greatest ultimate promise in regards to pain and suffering. “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more **d**_____, or sorrow, or crying, neither shall there be any more **p**_____.”

MY NOTES

<i>death</i>	<i>transgressor</i>
<i>sinned</i>	<i>necessary</i>
<i>pain</i>	<i>loving</i>
<i>value</i>	